

CLAIMS:

1. A pick-up style utility vehicle, comprising:
a seat provided retractable into a leg space of the seat; and
a cargo bed adjustably provided behind the seat such that a part of the cargo bed is moved into an area formerly occupied by the seat after the seat is retracted.
2. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 1, wherein the seat is at least a rearmost one of a plurality of seats disposed in a tandem manner.
3. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 1, wherein the leg space is defined as a space in front of and/or below the seat.
4. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 1, wherein the cargo bed is of a rectangular shape, and includes a bottom plate and a surrounding panel assembly provided along a perimeter of the bottom plate, and
wherein the bottom plate is extended to underneath the seat, and a portion of the surrounding panel assembly is located behind the seat when the seat is not retracted and is configured to be extendable forward to reach into the area formerly occupied by the seat after the seat is retracted.
5. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 4, wherein the surrounding panel assembly includes a front panel and a side panel, and the portion of the surrounding panel is the front panel, the front panel being rotatably provided on a vertical axis provided at a front end of the side panel to extend forward to reach into the area formerly occupied by the seat, after the seat is retracted.

6. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 4, wherein the surrounding panel assembly includes a front panel and a side panel, and the portion of the surrounding panel assembly is the side panel, and wherein the side panel is slidably provided along a side of the surrounding panel assembly to extend forward to reach into where the seat has been located after the seat is retracted.

7. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 4, further comprising a screen shield detachably provided to a front portion of the cargo bed, wherein the cargo bed is constructed to accommodate the screen shield in an extended part thereof to allow the screen shield to serve as the front panel.

8. A pick-up style utility vehicle, comprising:

a body;

a seat coupled to the body, the seat being movable between a stowed configuration and a deployed configuration; and

a cargo bed coupled to the body adjacent the seat, at least a portion of the cargo bed being configured to be moved into a space formerly occupied by the seat in the deployed configuration, when the seat is in the stowed configuration.

9. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 8, wherein the cargo bed having an extendable portion configured to be extended from a retracted configuration to an extended configuration, when the seat is in the stowed configuration.

10. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 9, wherein the extendable portion is configured to slide from a retracted to an extended configuration.

11. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 10, wherein the extendable portion forms a side portion of the cargo bed.

12. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 9, wherein the extendable portion is configured to rotate from a retracted to an extended configuration.

13. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 12, wherein the extendable portion forms part of a front panel of the cargo bed in the retracted configuration.

14. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 8, wherein the cargo bed is moveable from an overhang configuration to a compact configuration in which less of the cargo bed extends over a rear wheel of the vehicle than in the overhang configuration, when the seat is in the stowed configuration.

15. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 8, wherein the portion of the cargo bed in the compact configuration occupies the area formerly occupied by the seat in the deployed configuration.

16. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 15, wherein a portion of the cargo bed rests on a bottom surface of the seat, when the seat is in the stowed configuration and the cargo bed is in the compact configuration.

17. The pick-up style utility vehicle of Claim 8, wherein the seat includes a back portion pivotably mounted to a bottom portion, and wherein the bottom portion is pivotably mounted to the body, such that the seat may be pivoted to the stowed configuration.

18. The pick-up style vehicle of Claim 8, wherein the stowed configuration is located within a leg area of the vehicle.

19. A method for configuring a vehicle having a seat and a cargo bed, the method comprising:

moving the seat from a deployed configuration to a stowed configuration, thereby freeing space formerly occupied by in the deployed configuration; and

moving a portion of the cargo bed from a first configuration to a second configuration, into the space freed by moving the seat.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the portion of the cargo bed is an extendable portion, the first configuration is a retracted configuration, and the second configuration is an extended configuration, and wherein moving the portion includes extending the extendable portion of the cargo bed from a retracted configuration to an extended configuration, into the space freed by moving the seat.